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SUBJECT: GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES SESSION, NOV. 29-DEC. 1

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1. WITH MTN IN FULL SWING, GATT CP SESSION LIKELY TO BE  
RELATIVELY QUIET, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES  
SUCH AS TEXTILES COULD CAUSE SOME FIREWORKS. CONCERNS  
OVER GROWING PROTECTIONISM AND HOPES FOR MTN LIKELY TO  
BE MAJOR THEME OF MEETING. GATT SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES  
MEETING WILL LAST ONLY TWO DAYS.

2. ORDER OF AGENDA (GATT DOCUMENT L/4557) CALLS FOR CP  
EXAMINATION OF COUNCIL REPORT BEFORE MOVING ON TO GENERAL  
STATEMENTS USUALLY COVERED UNDER AGENDA ITEM ACTIVITIES  
OF THE GATT. SECRETARIAT SAYS GENERAL STATEMENTS, WHICH  
CHAIRMAN HAS ASKED BE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES, ARE LIKELY  
TO START AFTERNOON OF NOV. 29 AND CARRY OVER TO SECOND  
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DAY. U.S. CAN REQUEST TO SPEAK IN PREFERRED ORDER ON ANY  
OF THESE DAYS (E.G., 5TH SPEAKER ON SECOND DAY). ASSUME  
U.S. STATEMENT WILL BE PREPARED IN WASHINGTON.

3. ONLY INDICATION OF SOCIAL EVENTS THUS FAR IS COCKTAIL  
PARTY BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR  
EVENING OF NOV. 29.

4. GATT DOCUMENT C/W/292 OF 26 OCTOBER, COMBINED WITH ITEMS COVERED IN NOVEMBER 12 COUNCIL (REFS A-C), WILL CONSTITUTE THE COUNCIL'S REPORT TO CONTRACTING PARTIES. U.S. REP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS FOLLOWING ITEMS.

(A) ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES -- WE EXPECT THAT JAPANESE WILL AGAIN EXPRESS FEAR THAT ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY U.S. PRACTICES, ARE BEING USED AS PROTECTIONIST DEVICES. EC MAY AGAIN REFER TO NEED FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION IN STEEL SECTOR RATHER THAN UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION. IN ADDITION TO DEFENSE OF U.S. ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES, SUGGEST U.S. REP MAY WANT TO DISCUSS EVALUATION OF U.S. THINKING ON MONITORING PRICES (ASSUMING THAT INTERNAL U.S. COORDINATION HAS EVOLVED SUFFICIENTLY).

(B) BOP CONSULTATIONS -- THIS ITEM AFFORDS LDC'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO ARGUE THAT MINI-CONSULTATION PROCEDURES SHOULD BE THE ACCEPTED PROCEDURE FOR LDC'S. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND ALONG USUAL LINES THAT MATTER IS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN FRAMEWORK GROUP.

(C) DISC -- EC MAY USE CP SESSION TO PRESS FOR ITS PROPOSAL THAT CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL SEEK EXPERT OPINION ON QUESTION OF EXPORT ACTIVITY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL AGREEMENT. (ALL UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE NO DECISION ON THIS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BEFORE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, PROBABLY IN JANUARY.) OTHERS WILL PUSH FOR EARLY ABOLITION OF DISC.

(D) EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES -- CANADIANS PROBABLY WILL RECALL THEIR PROPOSAL THAT INDEPENDENT PANEL BE ESTABLISHED. WE SHOULD SUPPORT CANADIANS AND URGE EARLY DISMANTLING OF THESE SCHEMES.

(E) ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES -- LDC'S ARE LIKELY TO USE THIS ITEM AS SPRINGBOARD FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT INCREASE IN DC PROTECTIONISM AGAINST THEIR EXPORTS AND FOR ATTACKING EC APPROACH IN BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. SINCE MOST OF CRITICISM IS LIKELY TO BE DIRECTED AT EC, WE SHOULD MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE.

(F) FINLAND - EAST EUROPEAN FREE TRADING ARRANGEMENTS -- WE MAY WISH TO URGE THAT THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT NOT PROLIFERATE.

(G) EC PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS -- WE SUGGEST

USDEL REPEAT ARGUMENTS AGAINST STRINGENCY OF RULES OF  
ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS IN EC PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

(H) VARIOUS PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS -- WE MAY WISH TO  
USE THIS OCCASION TO ARGUE AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF DIS-  
CRIMINATORY TRADING ARRANGEMENTS OF QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY  
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